

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

In Figs. 1 and 2, a conventional container for an alcoholic beverage is shown at 10. The container 10 has a configuration typical of bottles used for wine, and the like. The container 10 has a wall structure 12, that may be made from glass or plastic. The wall structure 12 defines an internal storage space 14 for a supply of an alcoholic beverage 16. The top of the wall structure 12 has an opening 18 through which the alcoholic beverage 16 is introduced into the storage space 14 and dispensed therefrom for consumption.

Page 15, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

In Fig. 1, the container 10 is shown in the unopened state therefor. In this state, the wrapper 26 is intact and the inserted cork 20 prevents dispensing of the alcoholic beverage 16 through the opening 18 for consumption. To allow the cork 20 to be removed from the opening 18, the wrapper 26 must be torn. Merchants are able to determine that alcoholic beverage has not been dispensed from the storage space 14 so long as the wrapper 26 remains intact over the cork 20.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17 as follows:

By tearing or altogether removing the wrapper 26, the container 10 is changed to an unsealed/closed state in which the cork 20 can be "pulled" from the container 10. With the cork 20 separated from the container 10, the container 10 is in an opened state wherein the alcoholic beverage 16 can be dispensed from the storage space 14 for consumption. Once the wrapper 26 is torn/removed and the cork 20 separated from

the wall structure 12, the container 10 is detectably changed in a manner that the container 10 cannot be changed from the opened state precisely back into the unopened state. As ~~a result, once the container 10 is changed into the opened state,~~ That is, if the cork is reinserted into the container 10, the container 10 is changed from the opened state back into its unsealed/closed state and it is still possible for ~~[[the]]~~ a merchant to detect, by inspection, that the alcoholic beverage 16 in the storage space 14 has been accessed. ~~[[It]]~~ With the container in the unsealed/closed state, it is likewise possible for law enforcement personnel to determine that the container 10 ~~[[is]]~~ was potentially "opened" and ~~therefore~~ that the alcoholic beverage 16 in the storage space 14 ~~[[is]]~~ was accessible for consumption, as in a moving vehicle, by simply removing the cork 20.

Page 17, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

The present invention is concerned with ~~[[to]]~~ the ability to control the ~~"open~~ a previously "opened container" 10, or one placed in the unsealed/closed state, in such a manner that it can be determined by a visual inspection that the alcoholic beverage 16 in the ~~open~~ opened or unsealed/closed container has been accessed or could have been accessed by removal of the cork 20. More particularly, as shown in Figs. 3-5, a secondary closure system is provided at 30. The closure system 30 consists of a case 32, in the form of a flexible pouch, with a receptacle 34 for the entire container 10, including the wall structure 12 and the cork 20 with the container in the unsealed/closed state. The case 32 has an opening 36 through which the container 10 can be directed into the receptacle 34. The closure system 30 is operatively engaged with the container 10 with the container 10 directed fully into the receptacle 34, as shown in Fig. 3.

Page 19, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

With the container 10 and the secondary closure system 30, the following sequence of events may occur, as shown in flow diagram form in Fig. 6. Initially, the container 10 with the alcoholic beverage therein is purchased, as shown at block 44, as at a restaurant or bar. As shown at block 46, the primary closure system 20 is then changed from the unopened state into the opened state. This allows alcoholic beverage to be dispensed from the container for consumption, as indicated at block 48. At the point that some, but not all, of the alcoholic beverage has ,or could have, been dispensed from the container 10, the restaurateur/bar owner provides a secondary closure system, as shown at block 50 for the container 10 in the unsealed/closed state. The secondary closure system 30 is then operatively engaged with the container 10, as shown at block 52. The secondary closure system 30 is placed in the first state, as shown at block 54, wherein the alcoholic beverage 16 cannot be dispensed for consumption from the container 10. The container 10 with the secondary closure system 30 operatively engaged therewith, and in the first state, can then be transported, as in a moving vehicle, as shown at block 56. At the appropriate destination, the secondary closure system can be placed in the second state, as shown at block 58, to allow the alcoholic beverage to be dispensed.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 24 and 26 as follows:

It should be understood that the invention is not limited to containers utilizing corks, as described heretofore. As shown in Figs. 26 and 27, a modified form of container 10' has a threaded cap 148 which is mated with threads 149 at the top of another part of the container 10. The cap 148 has a jagged bottom edge 150 which, at the point of

manufacture, is integral with a band 152 that is inseparable from the container 10'. By twisting the cap 148, the connection between the cap and band 152 is ruptured to place the container 10' into its unsealed/closed state and thereby evidence that the contents of the container 10' has been changed from its unopened state into its opened state was accessed or was capable of being accessed. The cap 148 can be reinstalled to place the container 10' back into its unsealed/closed state but will not have precisely the same appearance of the unopened container as it had at the time of manufacture by reason of the rupture between the jagged edge 10 and band 152.